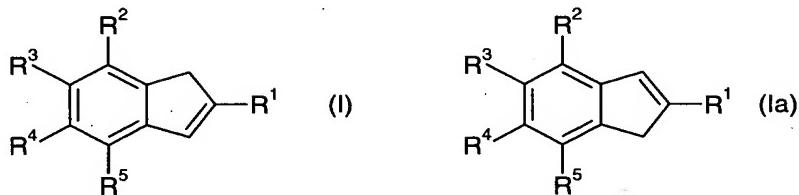


Abstract

The present invention relates to a simple process for preparing specifically substituted indenes of the formula (I) or (Ia)

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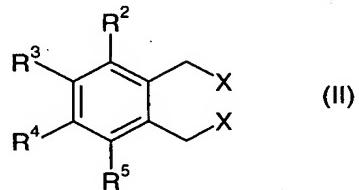
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to compounds of the formula (II) serving as starting materials

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and to the use of the compounds of the formula (II) as starting materials for the synthesis of substituted indenes.